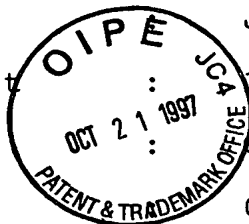


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Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the April 24, 1997  
Office Action in the above-identified application.  
Applicants have extended the time for response to that  
Office Action by three months -- up to and including  
October 24, 1997 -- by accompanying Petition and fee (37  
C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(c)).

Please amend the application as follows:

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